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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2131**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Teresa F. LUNT et al.

Group Art Unit: 2131

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR POLICY BASED PRINTING

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 21, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,233,684 to Stefik et al. (Stefik). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Stefik fails to disclose a document forgery protection printing method, comprising processing an image of a document; determining forgery protection requirements for the document to be printed utilizing a print management system and a computerized policy stored on a computer device; determining a protection level to be applied to the document based on the determined forgery protection requirements; selecting a printer from a plurality of printers that can print the document; and based on the determined protection level, printing at least